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MINUTES OF THE FIRST MEETING

OF THE

USCIB ELINT COMMITTEE

Colonel Charles P. Richman, USAF, Chairman

PRESENT:

DEFENSE:

Mr. Donald A. Borrmann

STATE:

Mr. Robert F. Packard

NSA:

CIA:

ARMY:

NAVY:

AIR FORCE:

SECRETARIAT:

Mr. Grady C. Frank

Lt. Commander Donald S. Lindberg

Lt. Colonel Louis J. Anderson

Miss V. Daphne Owens

Mrs. Joyce E. Lizak

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ALSO PRESENT:

NSA:

CIA:

ARMY:

NAVY:

AIR FORCE:

Major Max D. McLaughlin
Miss Audrey Ross

Lt. Commander Harvey S. Parrish

Colonel Frank J. Harrold, Jr.
Captain James B. Grady, USN
Lt. Colonel David D. Morris

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NSA and USAF review(s)
completed.

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EXECUTIVE SECRETARY:
(USCIB)

Captain Allyn Cole, Jr., USN

DEPUTY EXECUTIVE SECRETARY:
(USCIB)

Mr. Benjamin J. Price

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN:

Lt. Colonel Arthur H. Baker, Jr., USAF
(INTCOM)
Major Joseph Walker, Jr., USA
(SECCOM)

The First Meeting of the United States Communications Intelligence Board ELINT Committee was held at 1000 on 3 April 1958 in the Pentagon, Room 2E687.

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Item 1 on the Agenda for the First Meeting of USCIBELCOM, held on 3 April 1958.

Subject: Committee Organization and Administration.

a. Date and Place of Meetings.

DECISION: To hold monthly meetings at 1000 hours on the Thursday preceding the third Friday of each month, place to be arranged by the Secretariat, preferably, if available, the same room in the Pentagon used for USCIBEC meetings. Additional meetings to be arranged by the Chairman as provided in the USCIBELCOM charter.

b. Security Considerations.

DECISION: That all members and alternates would possess Category III clearances. In event that observers or technical advisors attend meetings who do not possess such clearances, responsibility lies with principal member sponsoring such visitor to advise Chairman concerning security clearance in advance of meeting. Additionally, certain other special security clearances are required by all principals and alternates. Action to be initiated by Chairman through appropriate channels to insure that such clearances are granted to such members.

c. Distribution of Committee papers, including minutes of meetings.

DECISION: Distribution to be made by Executive Secretariat as follows:

Defense:	2 copies - If through COMINT channels, to SSO, JCS; otherwise to OSO/OSD, Room 3E 1085, Pentagon.
State:	2 copies - Mr. Robert F. Packard, SPS, Room 1110, New State Building.
CIA:	8 copies - (Same as Board papers.)
NSA:	3 copies - (Same as SECCOM.) Room OR101, NSA OPS Bldg., Fort George G. Meade, Md. Attn: Adjutant General, S.D.S.
Army:	5 copies - 3 to Pentagon in same channel as Board papers and 2 to ASA in same channel as Board papers to ASA. Pentagon - SSO, OAC of S, G-2, The Pentagon, Room 2A 474. Attn: Special Research Branch. ASA - Maj. Gen. James H. Phillips, USA, Room 111, Hqrs. Bldg., Arlington Hall.

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Navy: 3 copies - 1 to ONI OP-922Y and 2 to OP-G-30.
OP-922Y - Captain B. S. Weber, USN,
Room 5D724, Pentagon.
OP-G-30 - Room 4C718, Pentagon.

Air Force: Same number as Board papers, same channel, plus
2 copies to AFCIN-Z for Chairman.
USAF - Room 555, Pentagon Annex No. 3, 705
Columbia Pike.

d. Alternate Chairman.

DECISION: During the absence of the regular Chairman, he would select an alternate chairman from the membership of the committee and notify the Executive Secretary of USCIB of such selection.

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ELCOM: 4./1 Item 2 on the Agenda for the First Meeting of USCIBELCOM, held on 3 April 1958.

Subject: Committee Functions, General Discussion of.

A general discussion took place of the specific functions of the Committee as set out in its charter, paragraph 3, CIBD #17.

3a. "To be generally cognizant of the status of the various ELINT programs and activities to include collection and processing."

Various suggestions were made with respect to the manner by which the Committee should maintain such general cognizance of ELINT programs. The CIA representative expressed the view that by use of the technical consultant to the Chairman (not yet appointed) as a collector of factual data concerning ELINT developments, the Committee would have available a means of data acquisition. Considerable discussion ensued concerning sources of information for the technical consultant when appointed, as well as for the committee, including the level of information to be maintained in files to be available to the committee. It was brought out that the Air Force ELINT Coordinating Group (AFCIN-Z) currently maintains a central pool of information concerning ELINT activities of all agencies in accordance with directive from USCIB 9.4/40. Views were expressed that this information might not be adequate for all purposes, and further that there did not exist in the several agencies or departments a single, central file or source of information concerning ELINT programs. General consensus of the Committee was that initially the AFCIN-Z source would be made fully available to the Committee without in any way derogating direct access between individual members in normal ELINT relationships. The adequacy of information maintained by AFCIN-Z would be determined as specific problems arose. Since the CIA representative questioned the extent of information currently available in a central location, he undertook to express his views with regard to the level of information required. The State member raised a point concerning a method of providing information to State, NSA and OSD members respecting current ELINT developments since those three activities do not participate in AFCIN-Z. The Chairman undertook to explore methods of providing such information.

3b. "To formulate recommendations as to national ELINT policy for consideration and action."

Passed.

3c. "To formulate and review National ELINT Objectives."

Passed since listed as Agenda Item 3.

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3d. "To advise concerning the status of the implementation of National ELINT policy, to include the satisfaction of National ELINT Objectives."

It was suggested that the development of this function would depend in part upon the manner by which 3a. and 3c. are developed and implemented.

3e. "To recommend policy in relation to the National Technical Processing Center."

Discussion of the NTPC consisted primarily of a brief resumé of the establishment and organizational position of the NTPC within AFCIN.

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3g. "To make recommendations concerning ELINT Research and Development requirements."

Views were solicited of members concerning the implications and extent of this function, to be submitted to the Chairman for consideration at future meetings.

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ELCOM: ~~9.4/~~ Item 3 on the Agenda for the First Meeting of USCIBELCOM,
9.3// held on 3 April 1958.

Subject: National ELINT Objectives, Revision of.

The Chairman reviewed present status of the National ELINT Objectives approved by USCIB 9.4/40 in December 1956 with a directive to maintain them up to date. The imminent approval by IAC of the revised National Intelligence Objectives [REDACTED] will require revision of the ELINT Objectives. Mention was made of steps taken by AFCIN-Z to secure views from Army, Navy, Air Force, CIA and AEC for the revised ELINT Objectives. Since State, OSD and NSA were not actively participating in such revision, each requested copies of pertinent papers for later determination as to the desirability of active participation in the working phase of the revision.

DECISION: That AFCIN-Z would continue to work with the presently participating departments and agencies toward revision of the National ELINT Objectives for submission to the USCIBELCOM as soon as completed.

The meeting adjourned at 1212.

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